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August 16, 2019

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies. Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

Earlier this week, Governor Abbott announced my appointment to the Education Commission of the States alongside Senator Pete Flores, Senator Larry Taylor, Representative Dwayne Bohac, and TEA Commissioner Mike Morath. You can read more about this great organization and my fellow members at: <https://www.ecs.org/>.

Also this week, I joined Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Commissioner Morath at Aldine ISD's Stephens Elementary School to announce the release of the 2019 A-F Accountability Ratings. New this year, the agency created a website to present the ratings in a easy-to-navigate format for all to view. Take a minute to look over <https://txschools.gov/> for yourself and use the searchable system to find your local schools.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

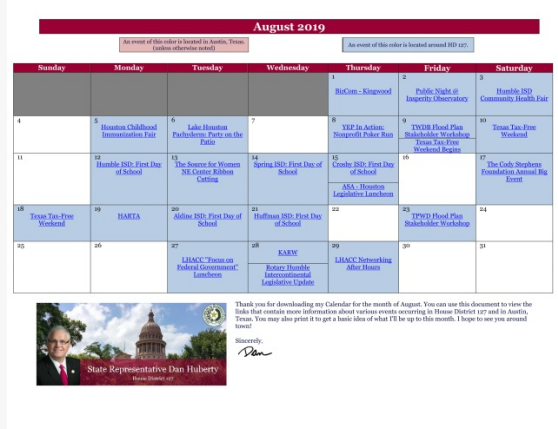
Sincerely,



August 2019 Calendar

Download my August 2019 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.

Keep watch for these updated calendars at the beginning of each month. Important local and legislative dates and events will be posted here.



Updates from Austin

TEA Releases 2019 A-F Accountability Ratings

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today released its 2019 state accountability ratings for approximately 1,200 school districts and charter schools. Districts and charters once again received A-F ratings, but new this year are A-F ratings for individual schools. Statewide, hundreds of districts and schools improved their overall rating from 2018.



“Performance continues to improve in Texas schools because of the tireless effort of Texas teachers, administrators and staff. I am particularly proud of the educators at the 296 high-poverty schools that achieved an A rating this year,” said Education Commissioner Mike Morath. “With resources on [TXSchools.gov](https://txschools.gov), educators and parents and empowered as they never have been before to support even greater improvements in the future.”

For a closer look at the new ratings, TEA encourages parents, educators and community members to visit [TXSchools.gov](https://txschools.gov) to view district and school report cards.

[TXSchools.gov](https://txschools.gov) has been enhanced with new several new features allowing visitors to better understand the accountability ratings data. These include ways to analyze trends, compare performance, and correlate results, as well as a new map feature which provides parents the ability to more easily view ratings of nearby schools.

The A-F system has remained consistent with last year’s system. As in 2018, districts, charters, and schools are given an overall rating based on performance in three areas:

- Student Achievement shows how much students know and are able to do at the end of the school year.
- School Progress shows how students perform over time and how that growth compares to similar schools.
- Closing the Gaps shows how well different groups of students within a school are performing.

A-F accountability uses a variety of indicators such as graduation rates, college, career and military readiness, SAT/ACT scores, and college prep course completion. The majority of a district’s rating is based on indicators other than the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test.

**STEP
1**

SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS ARE GRADED IN 3 DIFFERENT AREAS, OR DOMAINS.

We look at performance in each domain to determine an overall grade.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

74



SCHOOL PROGRESS

83



CLOSING THE GAPS

89



Example Grades:

**STEP
2**

DETERMINE THE BETTER GRADE OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OR SCHOOL PROGRESS.

Whichever domain score is higher of the two will count as 70% of the overall grade. The domain score that is lower will not be factored in to the overall grade.

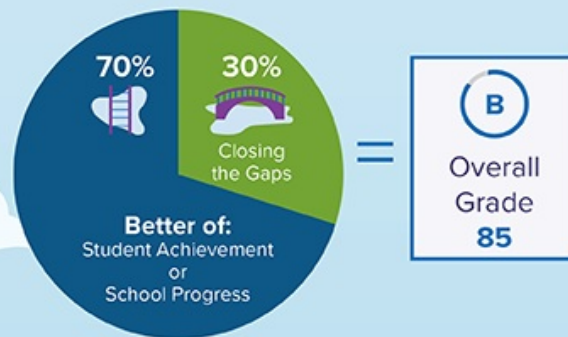


Since **83** is a higher grade than **74**, the **School Progress** grade will be used for 70% of the overall grade.

**STEP
3**

COMBINE SCORE FROM STEP 2 WITH THE CLOSING THE GAPS SCORE.

The better of Student Achievement or School Progress will count for 70% of the overall grade. The Closing the Gaps score will count for 30%.



* Numbers represented in this visual are for demonstration purposes only and do not reflect actual results. Certain exceptions apply.

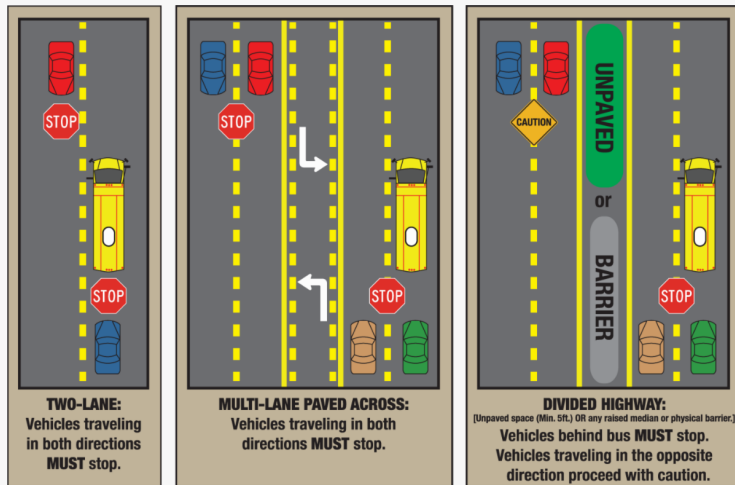


Governor Abbott Appoints Representative Huberty to Education Commission of the States

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Senator Peter “Pete” Flores and Representative Daniel “Dan” Huberty to the Education Commission of the States for terms to expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Additionally, Senator Larry Taylor, Representative Dwayne Bohac, Commissioner of Education Mike Morath, Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes, and John Colyandro, Governor Abbott's Policy Director & Senior Advisor, will continue to serve on the Commission.

The Education Commission of the States gathers and analyzes data concerning education needs and resources as well as encourages research in all aspects of education. The Commission was established over 50 years ago as an interstate compact on education policy.

TxDOT: Help Prevent Traffic School Bus Crashes



As millions of Texas children return to school this month, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reminds motorists and parents to take precautions to prevent traffic crashes and injuries in and around school buses.

Last year, there were 765 traffic crashes in Texas school zones, resulting in 1 death and 15 serious injuries. The most common causes for these crashes were failure to control speed, driver inattention, and failure to yield the right of way, when turning left to a private drive or at a stop sign.

In addition, last year there were 2,357 traffic crashes involving school buses in Texas, which resulted in 5 fatalities and 42 serious injuries. Speed and driver inattention also were the top factors in those crashes.

TxDOT offers the following back-to-school tips for drivers and students.

Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School

- Always walk on sidewalks whenever they're available.
- Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right and left again before proceeding.
- Always obey crossing guards.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

Tips for Drivers Sharing the Road with School Buses

- Never tailgate. Follow at a safe distance, keeping in mind that school buses make frequent stops.
- Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed. Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.
- Violations can lead to a fine of up to \$1,250 for a first offense.

Tips for Driving in School Zones

- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.
- Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.
- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

TxDOT urges drivers to slow down, pay attention and follow all traffic laws as the new school year begins to keep children safe and avoid costly fines and tickets. For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Houston District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076. *The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of July 8, 2019.*

Be Safe. Drive Smart. is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a larger grassroots effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while on the road. Since Nov. 7, 2000, at least one person has died on Texas roadways every single day, and that's why #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to helping end the streak of daily deaths on our roadways.

TLC Publication: Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

[Now Online](#)

TEA: "HB 3 in 30" Video Series
Do Not Hire Registry



"Do Not Hire" Registry

- ✓ TEA will develop a registry and make it available to schools
- ✓ TEA will investigate allegations and place individuals on the Registry who are not eligible for employment
- ✓ Public schools must check the Registry before any hiring

Updates from the District

Rice University: Houston Flooding Survey

The Rice University Flood Research Team and the City of Houston ask Houstonians to complete an on-line, anonymous, 3-5 minute survey about flooding in your neighborhood so the city can

best respond to needs in your immediate area.

Online Survey | Built with Qualtrics Experience Management™

Qualtrics makes sophisticated research simple and empowers users to capture customer, product, brand & employee experience insights in one place.

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STAR Service Academy Seminar



WHEN:

**Saturday, September 14th, 2019,
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

WHERE:

*San Jacinto College Central Campus, Center for
Petrochemical, Energy & Technology
8060 Spencer HWY, Pasadena, TX 77505*

WHAT:

*Hosted by Members of Congress **Weber** (TX-14), **Crenshaw** (TX-2), **Fletcher** (TX-7), **McCaul** (TX-10), **Jackson-Lee** (TX-18), **Olson** (TX-22), **Cloud** (TX-27), **Garcia** (TX-29), **Babin** (TX-36), and Senators **Cornyn** and **Cruz**.*

Learn about the academy nominations process and speak one-on-one with Congressional Representatives, Service Academy Admissions Officers, and ROTC Program Leaders.

- West Point
- Naval Academy
- Air Force Academy
- Coast Guard Academy
- Merchant Marine Academy
- ROTC Programs from Texas area colleges and universities



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**



Constituent Resources

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Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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